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Chair: Ms. Leinarte

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The meeting was called to order at 5.30 p.m.

Provisional agenda for the seventieth session of the Committee

1. **Ms. Manalo** (Rapporteur) drew attention to the provisional agenda for the seventieth session of the Committee.

2. **The Chair** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the provisional agenda for the seventieth session.

3. *It was so decided.*

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-ninth session
(CEDAW/C/CHL/CO/7; CEDAW/C/FJI/CO/5; CEDAW/C/LUX/CO/6-7; CEDAW/C/MYS/CO/3-5; CEDAW/C/MHL/CO/1-3; CEDAW/C/KOR/CO/8; CEDAW/C/SAU/CO/3-4; CEDAW/C/SUR/CO/4-6; and CEDAW/C/2018/I/CRP.1.)

4. **Ms. Manalo** (Rapporteur) said that she had the honour of introducing the Committee's draft report, which was contained in document CEDAW/C/2018/I/CRP.1. She drew attention to chapters I to III. Chapter IV concerned the draft concluding observations on the eight State party reports that the Committee had considered during its sixty-ninth session.

5. **The Chair** said that she took it that the Committee wished to adopt those chapters and the draft concluding observations on the reports by States parties considered at the session.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. **Ms. Manalo** (Rapporteur) said that she wished to introduce the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole, which was contained in chapters VI and VII of the draft report.

8. **The Chair** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft report of the Working Group for inclusion in the Committee's draft report.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. **The Chair** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft report of the Committee as a whole.

11. *The draft report of the Committee on its sixty-ninth session as a whole was adopted*

Statement by the Chair

12. **The Chair** said that, during the session, the Committee had considered eight State party reports, adopted concluding observations on those reports and a list of issues prior to reporting for one State party, held informal meetings with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and national human rights institutions and attended several lunchtime briefings organized by NGOs. The Committee had been pleased by the high level of engagement of local NGOs, many of which had been supported by International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific, and of national human rights institutions.

13. Thanks were due to the United Nations entities and other intergovernmental bodies that had provided the Committee with detailed information, including the inter-agency group on reporting to the Committee, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. A number of United Nations country teams had submitted their reports through the inter-agency group and several such teams had either sent representatives or briefed the Committee via videoconference.

14. One highlight of the session had been the adoption by the Committee of its general recommendation No. 37 (2018) on gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change. On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Committee had adopted a joint statement entitled "Confronting sexual violence, demanding

equality" together with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice.

15. The Committee had made good progress in implementing General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, notably by reinstituting the simplified reporting procedure. The Committee's working group on the Sustainable Development Goals had collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on a briefing relating to Goal indicator 4.7.1 on education for sustainable development and had achieved good progress in reviewing its treaty specific reporting guidelines. The Committee had also made good progress in its work on individual communications submitted under the Optional Protocol. Thanks to the excellent drafts prepared by the Committee's working group on communications, four final decisions on communications had been adopted.

Closure of the session

16. Following an exchange of courtesies, **the Chair** declared the sixty-ninth session closed.

The meeting rose at 5.40 p.m.